

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL)
WORKERS LOCAL 1546 HEALTH &)
WELFARE FUND,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
PROTEIN SOLUTIONS, LLC,)
Defendant.)

No.

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MICHAEL W. DOBBINS
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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JUDGE GUZMAN
MAGISTRATE JUDGE BROWN

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 1546 HEALTH & WELFARE FUND, by and through its attorney, Robert B. Greenberg of Asher, Gittler, Greenfield & D'Alba, Ltd., complaining of Defendant, PROTEIN SOLUTIONS, LLC, allege as follows:

1. This action is brought under the provisions of Sections 502(g)(2), (a)(3), of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C., Secs. 1132(g)(2), (a)(3), and 1145.

2. Jurisdiction in this Court is based upon Sections 502(e)(1) and 502(e)(2) of ERISA [29 U.S.C. Sec. 1132(e)(1) and (e)(2)], which states in relevant part:

Where an action under this subchapter is brought in a district court of the United States, it may be brought in the district where the plan is administered, where the breach took place, or where a defendant resides or may be found, and process may be served in any other district where a defendant resides or may be found.

3. The UFCW LOCAL 1546 HEALTH & WELFARE FUND ("Fund") has been established pursuant to collective bargaining agreements heretofore entered into between the UFCW Local 1546 ("Union") and Defendant, and the Fund is maintained and administered in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, ERISA and other applicable federal law and the Fund is administered pursuant to the terms and provisions of a certain Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust ("Trust Agreement").

4. The Fund office is located at 1649 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60612, and the Fund is administered in the Northern District of Illinois.

5. As provided in the Trust Agreement, Plaintiff is required to receive, hold and manage all monies required to be contributed to the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the then applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement for the uses and purposes set forth in the Trust Agreement.

6. Defendant is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce and maintains its principal place of business at 4430 South Tripp, Chicago, IL 60632.

7. Defendant employs or has employed persons represented for collective bargaining purposes by the Union and agreed to be bound by the Collective Bargaining Agreement or agreements referred to herein, by the terms of which Defendant was required to contribute to the Fund.

8. Plaintiff is advised and believes that Defendant has repeatedly failed to submit accurate contribution reports and the required payments thereon to the Fund pursuant to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by which it was bound, all

in violation of its contractual obligations and its obligations under applicable federal statutes.

9. As a result of the above-described omissions and breaches of agreement by Defendant, Plaintiff may be required to (a) deny the employee beneficiaries for whom contributions have not been made the benefits provided under the benefit plan, thereby causing to such employee beneficiaries substantial and irreparable damage, or (b) to provide to employees of Defendant the benefits provided under the benefit plan, notwithstanding Defendant's failure to make the required contributions thereto, thereby reducing the corpus of such Fund and endangering the rights of the employee beneficiaries thereunder on whose behalf contributions are being made, all to their substantial and irreparable injury.

10. Plaintiff, in its behalf, and on behalf of all employees for whose benefit the Fund was established, has requested Defendant to perform its obligations, but defendant has refused and failed to perform as herein alleged.

11. Plaintiff is without an adequate remedy at law and will suffer immediate, continuing and irreconcilable injury and damage unless Defendant is ordered to specifically perform all of its obligations required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Trust Agreement, and is restrained from continuing to refuse to perform as thereunder required.

12. Defendant is delinquent to the Funds for the period January 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$35,511.88.

13. Defendant's failure to pay is a violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Trust Agreement. Plaintiff, therefore, seeks enforcement of these

provisions pursuant to Section 502(g)(2), (a)(3) and 515 of the Employee Income Security Act of 1947 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C., Sec. 1132(g)(2), (a)(3), and 1145.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

(a) That judgment enter in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant in the sum of THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$35,511.88), or such additional amount as may be found due and owing during the pendency of this action.

(b) That Defendant be compelled to account to Plaintiff for contributions due as aforesaid and to pay to Plaintiff the amount found due and owing in accordance with the applicable provisions of its Collective Bargaining Agreement.

(c) That Plaintiff be awarded its costs, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the prosecution of this action as provided in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and under the applicable provisions of ERISA, as amended.

(d) That interest and/or liquidated damages be assessed against Defendant as provided in the Collect Bargaining Agreement and the applicable provisions of ERISA, as amended.

(e) That Defendant be specifically ordered to furnish to Plaintiff the required monthly contribution reports and payments due thereunder and to continue to perform all obligations on Defendant's part according the terms and conditions of its Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- (f) For such other and further relief as the Court may determine just and proper.

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